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Dear Interested Party:

After considering public comments, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record (DR) for the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range (LBCWHR) Gather Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-CO-130-2013-018-EA. The FONSI documents the BLM determination that the proposed action will not result in "significant environmental impacts" and the DR approves implementation of the proposed gather. The FONSI, DR, and the final EA are available online at: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>. Hard copies of these documents are also available upon request from the contact name and number shown below.

The BLM is proposing a bait and/or water trapping gather, without the use of a helicopter, to remove excess wild horses from the LBCWHR the fall of 2013 and in 2014 if necessary. The EA analyzes both the BLM proposal to remove excess wild horses from the LBCWHR as well as the capture method. After reviewing environmental conditions I have decided that use of a helicopter is not necessary at this time to meet gather objectives. This action would begin no earlier than September 3, 2013.

As detailed in the DR, and within 30 days of issuance of the decision, you have the right to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR Part 4. You also have a right to file a petition for a stay as described in the Decision Record.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the LBCWHR. If you have questions concerning the FONSI, DR, or EA, please contact Jim Dollerschell, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (970)-244-3016.

Sincerely,

Katie Stevens
Grand Junction Field Manager